

John Lambert to Andrew Jackson, January 16, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MAJOR-GENERAL LAMBERT TO JACKSON.

[Near New Orleans], January 16, 1815.

Sir, I have this moment received yours of this days date; with the letter, which I had the honor of writing to you, in which I recognised the propriety of your observations in the framing of a list of Prisoners, I transmitted a list of those on Shore designated in every particular, and signed by an Officer of your Army. If this Paper is lost another shall be sent but it is impossible to prepare one more conformable.

Allow me to observe that in the list of British Prisoners, which you have enclosed to me, one particular specified in yours of the 12th inst. to me on this subject, is omitted, "the Corps to which they respectively belong". The knowledge of which would have saved a good deal of trouble. However Sir, no difficulties shall arise on my part, if you, are disposed to consent to an exchange and as the best way of bringing the question to a conclusion, I will desire Major Smith, my Mil. Secretary, to be at the Advanced Posts tomorrow at 12 o'clock when, if you think proper, to send any officer to meet him, a final arrangement may be made¹

1 Jan. 17, 1815, the following agreement was signed by Edward Livingston for the United States and Maj. H. G. Smith for Great Britain, and approved by Jackson:

"Provisional Articles agreed on between Major Smith authorised by Major Genl Lambert and Edward Livingston Aid de Camp to Major Genl Jackson authorised by him for that

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purpose subject to the ratification of the respective Commanders of the two armies
Between the lines Jan'y 17, 1815.

"1. It being understood that Admiral Sr. Alexander Cochrane has sent or will immediately send the American prisoners as well of the Army as Navy now on board the british fleet to the mouth of the Rigolets It is agreed that a nominal and descriptive receipt shall be given for the same upon honor and that on the receipt of the said Prisoners a number of british prisoners equal in rank and number to those so sent to the Rigolets together with those confined in the british camp shall be sent to the mouth of the River and be received by ships appointed for that purpose by the Admiral.

"2. At the same time all the prisoners now in the british Camp shall be sent to the American Lines and receipted for as above not to serve until an equal number of English prisoners shall be delivered

"3. Officers of Equal Rank shall be exchanged for Equal Rank and wounded for wounded as far as circumstances will permit [*Signatures of Livingston and Smith.*]

"I approve and ratify the above arrangement.

" Andrew Jackson, Major Genl comdg."

I remain Sir